

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 21, 23 to 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 39, 41 to 57, 59 to 65, 67 to 69, 71 to 73, and 79 to 81, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 17 to 19, 23 to 27, 53 to 55, 59 to 63, and 79 to 81 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed and the priority U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/457,012, filed march 24, 2003. Therefore, there is no issue of new matter.

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 39, 41, 42, 51, 56, 57, 64, 65, 67 to 69, and 71 to 73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Final Office Action.

In response, Applicants submit that the claims have been amended to define R as independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkaryl, and aryl. Support for the amendment can be found on pages 4 and 15 of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/457,012, filed March 24, 2003. U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/457,012 is the priority application for the present application, and the disclosure of the '012 provisional application is incorporated by reference in its entirety in paragraph [0001] of the present application. The present specification has also been amended to provide the required definition of R.

Therefore, the present claims meet the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 15, 16, 20, 21, 285, 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 39, 41, 42, 51, 56, 57, 64, 65, 67 to 69, and 71 to 73 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

With regard to the miscellaneous matters set forth on page 3 of the Final Office Action, Applicants submit that the claims have been amended as suggested in the Final Office Action.

With regard to the objection to claims 7 to 14 and 43 to 50, Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 1 and 37 place those claims and any claims that depend from those claims in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 7 to 14 and 43 to 50.

Applicants thus submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, an early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree with

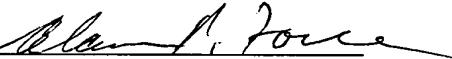
Applicants' position, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues prior to the issuance of a further Office Action, and to expedite the allowance of the application.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Amendment. Should any fees be due, however, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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